

LETTER

FROM

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,

IN REPLY TO

*Senate resolution of December 8, 1885, relative to S. S. Brown's agency in  
official appointments in Maine.*

JANUARY 6, 1886.—Referred to the Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment and  
ordered to be printed.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL,  
December 28, 1885.

*To the Senate of the United States :*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 11th day of December, instant, of an attested copy of the following resolution of the Senate, viz :

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,  
December 9, 1885.

Whereas it is alleged that S. S. Brown, a citizen of the State of Maine, has been largely instrumental in procuring the removal of certain postmasters in said State and the appointment of other persons to serve in their stead ; and

Whereas it is further alleged that said Brown has written to parties whose appointment he has procured as aforesaid, letters in form and substance like the following, to wit :

"WASHINGTON, D. C., ———, 1885.

"DEAR SIR: I have secured your appointment as postmaster at your place. Your papers will be sent in a day or two. If you feel like sending a small sum to help defray the expenses of attending to our Maine matters you may do so.

"My mail comes to the above address.

"Respectfully, yours,

"S. S. BROWN."

Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Postmaster-General be, and is hereby, directed to furnish to the Senate a list of the post-offices in Maine and the names of the persons removed, and of those appointed postmasters at the same, where the said S. S. Brown has favorably recommended the same or indorsed the applications therefor.

Attest:

ANSON G. MCCOOK,  
*Secretary.*

and in response thereto to state, that the said Brown indorsed the several petitions of numerous citizens for the removal of the postmasters at East Vassalborough and North Vienna, in Kennebec County ; at Naples, in Cumberland County ; and at North Shapleigh, in York County, in the State of Maine, and in no other case discoverable after careful examination or known to any officer of the Department ; but that all removals in that State during my incumbency of this office were

based upon special representations by citizens of the respective localities, including the four above named; and also, that, in point of fact, affirmed on my knowledge so far as my personal attention has been given to the action taken and on the knowledge of the First Assistant Postmaster-General for the residue of the statement, the appointments of all persons to be postmasters in the State of Maine during the period mentioned have been made upon petitions and communications from citizens within the respective deliveries of the several offices concerned, and in no case because of the recommendation of said Brown.

That, however, many such petitions for appointment have been presented through the mediation of, and sometimes indorsed, and sometimes favorably recommended by S. S. Brown, as chairman of the Democratic State central committee of Maine; and herewith accompanying I transmit a list of all post-offices in that State from which the postmasters have been removed during the period aforesaid, with the names of the removed and of the newly appointed postmasters, where any indorsement or recommendation by said Brown has been made or appears on any petition or communication presented in favor of such appointed postmaster.

WM. F. VILAS,  
Postmaster-General.

*List of post-offices in Maine called for by the resolution of the Senate of December 9, 1885, with the names of the postmasters removed, and of the persons appointed instead.*

Post-office.	Postmaster.	Person appointed.
<i>Presidential.</i>		
Biddeford.....	Esseff H. Banks.....	Timothy Shaw, jr.
Saccarappa.....	James M. Webb.....	N. A. Sweet.
Waterville.....	Willard M. Dunn.....	Frank L. Thayer.
<i>Fourth-class.</i>		
Lisbon.....	Hannah W. Garrish.....	J. M. Corbett.
Livermore Falls.....	Alvin Record.....	Winfield S. Trest.
Lisbon Falls.....	John Plummer.....	John H. Coombs.
Turner.....	William L. Bonny.....	Walter B. Irish.
Ashland.....	Ansel T. Moovers.....	W. P. Brigham.
Caribou.....	Joseph Garcy.....	Orlando N. Smith.
Fort Fairfield.....	Agnes L. Paul.....	Miles F. Doney.
Frenchville.....	Alex. S. Eaton.....	Elai R. Marchand.
Presque Isle.....	George M. Lane.....	Mrs. T. A. Parker.
Van Buren.....	W. C. Hammond, jr.....	J. B. A. Farrell.
Gorham.....	Henry R. Millett.....	Theo. B. Edwards
Naples.....	David H. Cole.....	Samuel Leavitt.
Woodford's.....	Charles M. Legrow.....	A. R. Huston.
Kingfield.....	Charles W. Clark.....	Alonzo Knapp.
New Sharon.....	Jabez S. Moores.....	T. Arthur Paul.
North Jay.....	Warren Leland.....	W. Woodman.
Strong.....	Eben J. Gilkey.....	A. J. Norton.
Blue Hill.....	Eugene A. Stevens.....	T. N. B. Holt.
Brooklyn.....	Richard A. Herrick.....	T. R. Alden.
Mount Desert.....	Jonathan Hamor.....	A. C. Fernald.
Orland.....	George H. Coudon.....	R. P. Harriman.
South Deer Isle.....	Benjamin F. Warren.....	Benjamin F. Small.
Fremont.....	Eben D. Clark.....	Ella M. Benson.
China.....	F. O. Brainard.....	Theron E. Doe.
East Vassalborough.....	J. S. Butterfield.....	Charles W. Mower.
Kent's Hill.....	Noah Jewett.....	S. McNear.
Monmouth.....	F. H. Beale.....	M. O. Edwards.
North Vienna.....	J. S. Graves.....	H. Whittier.
Readfield.....	J. P. Johnson.....	Annie M. Craig.
Readfield Depot.....	Nelson Poole.....	S. H. Morrill.
Vassalborough.....	Edward W. Bush.....	Mary A. Hanson.
Wayne.....	J. S. Berry.....	J. C. Stubblefield (commission held).
West Gardiner.....	William P. Haskell.....	A. W. De Fratus.

*List of post-offices called for by the resolution of the Senate, &c.—Continued.*

Post-office.	Postmaster.	Person appointed.
<i>Fourth-class—Continued.</i>		
Windsor.....	H. A. N. Dutton .....	I. C. Bacheider.
Vinal Haven.....	Austin B. Binal .....	D. H. Glidden.
Union.....	R. W. Bartlett .....	John A. Gleason.
Round Pond.....	James E. Nichols .....	William M. Fassett.
Dixfield Centre.....	D. F. Newton .....	Mrs. A. A. Holman.
East Dixfield.....	William H. Winslow .....	Charles H. Fuller.
West Paris.....	Francis A. Young .....	B. B. Dennen.
Charleston.....	Thomas J. Peaks .....	H. C. Holden.
Corinna.....	E. P. Burrill .....	M. P. Hamilton.
Etna.....	J. E. Friend .....	H. C. Friend.
Hampden Corner.....	Benjamin F. Smith .....	F. G. Rogers.
Kenduskeag.....	F. A. H. Stackpole .....	T. P. Batchelder.
Lincoln.....	Harrison Piper .....	M. B. Pinkham.
Medway.....	James T. Kimball .....	Freeman Dickey.
Newport.....	S. P. Judkins .....	Edgar R. Dow.
Patten.....	Calvin Bradford .....	C. W. Stephens.
Springfield.....	M. M. Lewis .....	F. L. Hanscom.
Winn.....	Thaddeus R. Joy .....	J. E. Estes.
Abbott Village.....	Jesse Barber .....	G. A. Bradman.
Greenville.....	John H. Eveleth .....	D. T. Sanders.
Guilford.....	George W. Pratt .....	James Hudson.
Milo.....	Clara M. Owen .....	George B. Crane.
Monson.....	Edwin R. Hayner .....	Charles M. Coombs.
Bowdoin Centre.....	James L. Rogers .....	Mary A. Coombs.
Bowdoinham.....	A. S. Parinton .....	Franklin K. Jack.
Parker's Head.....	George Duley .....	William H. Small.
Brighton.....	L. D. Libby .....	Peter Walker.
Cambridge.....	S. E. Bailey .....	George Mitchell.
East Madison.....	Charles F. Tufts .....	Mrs. H. C. Moore.
Pittsfield.....	F. M. Ireland .....	Henry F. Sibley.
Brooks.....	James S. Huxford .....	F. W. Brown, jr.
Frankfort.....	Hiram Treat .....	Upton Treat.
Lincolnton.....	R. B. Sherman .....	Robert W. Perry.
Northport.....	O. H. Cummings .....	E. B. Elwell.
North Islesborough.....	William P. Sprague .....	M. P. Pendleton.
Prospect.....	Benjamin Colson .....	James F. Libby.
Sandy Point.....	Alex. Black .....	O. C. Wardwell.
Unity.....	H. B. Rice .....	James R. Tabor.
Winterport.....	I. H. Dunham .....	Jennison Grant.
Dafnorth.....	B. F. Runnels .....	James Robbins (commission held).
Lubec.....	Micah M. Foster.....	James H. Gray
Bar Mills.....	H. W. Palmer .....	James W. Meserve.
Berwick.....	William H. Rich .....	H. B. Tibbetts.
Cornish.....	William H. Nevers .....	I. N. Brackett.
North Shapleigh.....	James E. Coffin .....	Esther S. Thing.
West Newfield.....	Josiah Durgin .....	Albert H. Davis.
York Corners.....	C. H. Jenkins .....	George F. Plaisted.

